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Mr. SALTONSTALL presented to the Society, on behalf of Samuel T. Snow, Esq., of Boston, a copperplate engraving of the Declaration of Independence, by an unknown artist; together with the copperplate itself. Mr. Saltonstall stated that these plates were left by a party of play-actors, many years ago, with an inn-keeper, in payment of their board; who, after keeping them for twenty years, brought them to Boston. *Voted*, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Samuel T. Snow, Esq., for his valuable donation.

DECEMBER MEETING.

A stated monthly meeting of the Society was held this day (Thursday), the 8th day of December, at twelve o'clock, noon, at the rooms of the Society, Tremont Street, Boston; Hon. DAVID SEARS, one of the Vice-Presidents, in the chair.

In the absence of the Librarian, the Recording Secretary announced donations from the Indiana Historical Society; New-England Female Medical College; Brown University; the Trustees of the Public Library of Boston; Henry C. Van Schaack, Esq.; J. Smith Homans, Esq.; Rev. E. M. Stone; Hon. Peter Parker; Rev. W. B. Sprague, D.D.; Rev. George Mooar; Rev. Caleb D. Bradlee; Thomas Lee, Esq.; Samuel A. Green, M.D.; F. L. O. Roehrig, Esq.; Hon. Thomas B. Florence; B. P. Johnson, Esq.; R. A. Guild, Esq.; and from Messrs.

Felt, Quincy, Robbins, Sabine, Sears, and Whitney, of the Society.

Mr. AMES communicated the following transcript from the records of the district of "Stoughtonham," in addition to the paper read by him at the last meeting:—

"At a district meeting legally assembled and held in the district of Stoughtonham, on the twenty-first day of September, A.D. 1768, Mr. Edmund Quincy was chosen moderator, and sworn.

"The same day, sundry votes lately passed by the town of Boston, together with a letter from the selectmen of the said town, were read, proposing a General Convention, to be held at Faneuil Hall, in Boston, on the twenty-second day of September, A.D. 1768. Mr. Job Swift was chosen to appear at the above-said Convention.

"Attest,

"DANIEL RICHARDS,
"District Clerk."

Mr. LIVERMORE read interesting extracts from a letter recently received from the President of the Society, Hon. R. C. Winthrop, now in Vienna.

Mr. SEARS invited the Society to hold an evening meeting at his house, on Beacon Street, on Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. WASHBURN, the invitation of Mr. Sears was accepted.

An animated conversation, on subjects connected with the communication of Mr. Ames, engaged the attention of the meeting.